San Francisco June 5th 1870

Prof. D. A. Gray Cambridge Mass.

My dear Sir,

I have two of your kind letters before me. I will answer them before I leave for the Sierras. We organized a camping party and will remain for about five weeks at Cisco and at the Summit. Just think of our pleasure to roam for five weeks on those beautiful Mts in pursuit of objects of nat. history! We are well supplied and hope to make a large collection.

The arrival of the boxes is gratifying news; we gave them up for lost.

Please give Dr. Fries, Dr. Hooker

work them up satisfactorily, let me know it by directing your letter to Cisco on the C. P. R.R. up to July the 10th.

Please push Prof Brewer, let him work; for I understood he has become quite fleshy.

Should any of my correspondents complain of my slowness in answering letters, please excuse me; for I have my hands quite full at present.

Dr. Bigelow and Mr. Emmerson were here. I was most happy to make their acquaintance. With Dr. Big. I made a trip into our Redwoods.

I start to morrow

Yours
most sincerely
Henry N. Bolander

Prof. De Candolle Dr. Engelmann full sets. Dr. Hooker and Prof. De Candolle will receive them as a gift and contribution from us. You use for your own herbarium whatever you desire. Could you not find a young botanist who would distribute them by obtaining a full set for himself?

Will it not be asking too much to procure for a banker here and an amateur botanist a copy of Hooker's Flora bor. Am.? He will pay at once whatever the cost may be. A desire to study botany is rapidly increasing here and it is very much to be regretted that we have no Flora of our own to assist people in their desire.

Your contributions to Botany have arrived, much obliged. I have been out a few days in the Redwoods. With my astonishment in finding a Gymnostichum very like our Hystrix, growing in Marin Co also down in San Mateo Co. the grass in question is very much larger in all its parts than the eastern, is hirsute and has a drooping spike. As far as I am able to learn, it has not been collected by any one, though it is apparently quite common. At my return I will study it. Luerus Wislizeni Engl. was also found growing in San Mateo Co in the Redwoods; thus far I found it only north of Sonoma Co.

Should there be any plants among those collected at Bear Valley that require additionals in order to